

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ORANGE

MINUTE ORDER

DEPARTMENT 1

Chambers Session:

August 7, 1996
Hon. Ted Millard, Presiding Judge.

No appearances.

MISCELLANEOUS ORDER NO. M-7727

ORDER OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE REGULATING MEDIA ACTIVITY OUTSIDE OF THE COURTROOM.

The Executive Committee of the Superior Court at it's meeting of August 6, 1996, adopted as a policy of the Superior Court the practice that all future orders approving media coverage pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 980, should be conditioned on the legal parking of the media's transmission vehicles on the courthouse environs. Illegal parking of such media's transmission vehicles should result in the immediate and automatic revocation of any such order granting permission for media coverage. An ADDENDUM ORDER should be added to any such order granting permission for such media coverage to provide that such illegal parking will automatically revoke such order. A copy of such ADDENDUM ORDER is attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein.

In addition to such action taken by the Executive Committee, the Presiding Judge pursuant to the inherent power of the Presiding Judge and pursuant to Rule 980(e)(4), hereby directs that illegal parking by any media representatives who have been granted permission to conduct film and/or electronic media coverage of a proceeding will automatically cause revocation of any such order granting permission for media coverage. Rule 980 (e)(4) specifically provides that the Presiding Judge may issue an order regulating media activity outside of a courtroom. Such illegal parking by media transmission vehicles not only presents traffic safety problems to other motorists and pedestrians, but also impugns the dignity of the court.

Further, any such order granting permission for media coverage should incorporate not only the ADDENDUM ORDER attached hereto, but also a copy of this order. Courtroom clerks are directed to attach a copy of this order and the attached ADDENDUM to any such request for media coverage before submitting such request to the judge or judicial officer for consideration.

The Executive Officer/Clerk is directed to forward copies of this order to all judicial officers, courtroom clerks, and to mail copies of this order and the attached ADDENDUM ORDER TO REQUEST TO CONDUCT FILM AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE & ORDER to the electronic media who cover court operations.

IT IS SO ORDERED ON August 7, 1996.

TED MILLARD, Presiding Judge